

Docket No.: 205625US0CONT



RECEIVED

FEB 24 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Mitsuru OHKUBO, et al. : EXAMINER: ROBINSON
SERIAL NO: 09/865,420 :
FILED: MAY 29, 2001 : ART UNIT: 1625
FOR: BETA-ALANINE DERIVATIVE AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-38 are active in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Robinson for the indication that the improper Markush rejection of Claims 1-20 and the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, have been withdrawn (paper number 12, page 2).

The rejection of Claims 1-14, 16-20, and 22-38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner is directed to the attached copy of Ex parte Breuer, 1 USPQ2d 1906